

Table 1. LESCO/ASL words in SL vocabulary list.

1. all	26. grass	51. other	76. warm
2. animal	27. green	52. person	77. water
3. bad	28. heavy	53. play	78. wet
4. because	29. how	54. rain	79. what
5. bird	30. hunt	55. red	80. when
6. black	31. husband	56. right	81. where
7. blood	32. ice	57. river	82. white
8. child	33. if	58. rope	83. who
9. count	34. kill	59. salt	84. wide
10. day	35. laugh	60. sea	85. wife
11. die	36. leaf	61. sharp	86. wind
12. dirty	37. lie	62. short	87. with
13. dog	38. live	63. sing	88. woman
14. dry	39. long	64. sit	89. wood
15. dull	40. louse	65. smooth	90. worm
16. dust	41. man	66. snake	91. year
17. earth	42. meat	67. snow	92. yellow
18. egg	43. mother	68. stand	93. full
19. fat/grease	44. mountain	69. star	94. moon
20. father	45. name	70. stone	95. brother
21. feather	46. narrow	71. sun	96. cat
22. fire	47. new	72. tail	97. dance
23. fish	48. night	73. thin	98. pig
24. flower	49. not	74. tree	99. sister
25. good	50. old	75. vomit	100. work

Calculation on Table 1 shows a 63.3% rate (62/98 pairs) of possible cognates between ASL and LESCO. This indicates that ASL and the variety of LESCO used by younger signers in San José are distinct languages, but very closely related historically. This rate of cognates is quite similar to that between two other closely related sign languages: ASL and French Sign Language. In an earlier study using the same vocabulary list (Woodward 1978), the